



Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** lung cancer is the leading cause of all cancer deaths in the United States and 172,000 Americans will be diagnosed with lung cancer in 2005; and
- WHEREAS,** lung cancer causes the death of more women than breast cancer, yet approximately \$1,200 per lung cancer death is spent on research, compared with \$11,245 per breast cancer death; and
- WHEREAS,** 163,000 Americans will die of lung cancer in 2005, the equivalent to the 9/11 attacks occurring 53 times in a year; and
- WHEREAS,** in Louisiana alone, approximately 3,160 newly diagnosed cases of lung cancer occurred last year; and
- WHEREAS,** lung cancer has a stigma attached because many view it as a preventable disease, yet lung cancer can occur in people who have never smoked; and
- WHEREAS,** approximately 19,000 people each year develop and die from lung cancer not from tobacco but rather to exposure to dangerous substances, such as asbestos, silica dust, radon, and environmental pollutants; and
- WHEREAS,** the ribbon for lung cancer awareness is a clear ribbon with an outline around it, symbolizing the fact that lung cancer is really a disease that few pay attention to; and
- WHEREAS,** the Annual Walk of Hope is held in November, National Lung Cancer Awareness Month, in an effort to increase awareness of lung cancer disease and to espouse hope for lung cancer victims and their survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim November, as

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

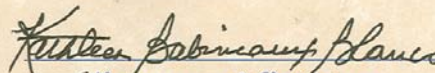
in the State of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor


Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the _____ 1st _____ day of _____ December _____
A. D., _____ 2005 _____*


Governor of Louisiana